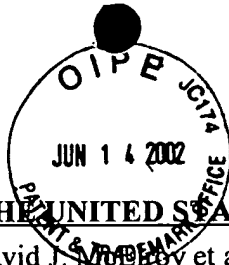


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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on March 4, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-6 and 22-26 without prejudice or disclaimer, and substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect cancellation of claims 1-6 and 22-27, amendment of previously pending claims 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 17, and 20, and addition of new claims 28-38. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

7. (Amended) An imaging system comprising:
- a first group pixel comprising two or more photodetectors for providing two or more corresponding pixel image signals;
 - a second group pixel comprising two or more photodetectors for providing two or more corresponding pixel image signals;
 - a summer responsive to [the] two or more of the corresponding pixel image signals for outputting an aggregate image signal;
 - a variable-gain amplifier responsive to the aggregate image signal for outputting an amplified aggregate image signal based on an adjustable amplifier gain; and
 - an automatic gain controller for adjusting the adjustable amplifier gain based on the aggregate image signal.



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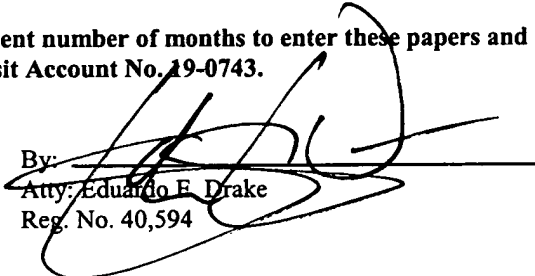
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- ☒ An Amendment and Response (8 Pages).
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